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Response to Final Action of December 22, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following:

-- A formation fluid sampling tool including at least one sample tank mounted in a tool collar. The tool collar includes a through bore and is disposed to be operatively coupled with a drill string such that each sample tank may receive a correspondingly preselected formation fluid sample without removing the drill string from a well bore. At least one of the sample tanks further includes an internal fluid separator movably disposed therein. The separator separates a sample chamber from a pressure balancing chamber in the sample tank. The pressure balancing chamber is disposed to be in fluid communication with drilling fluid exterior thereto. The sampling tool further includes a sample inlet port connected to the sample chamber by an inlet passageway. ~~The sampling tool may be advantageously utilized to acquire a formation fluid sample from a formation of interest.~~ --

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Please replace Paragraph [0016] of the disclosure with the following:

-- FIGURE 3B is a schematic cross-sectional representation along section [[3B-3B]]3-3 of FIGURE 3A.

Please replace Paragraph [0020] of the disclosure with the following:

-- FIGURE 5B is a schematic cross-sectional representation along section [[5B-5B]]5-5 of FIGURE 5A.

Please replace Paragraph [0032] of the disclosure with the following:

-- Referring now to FIGURE 3B, a cross-sectional representation of sampling module 200 is shown along section [[3B-3B]]3-3 of FIGURE 3A. As shown, sampling module 200 includes six substantially cylindrical sampling tank assemblies 220A, 220B, 220C, 220D, 220E, and 220F disposed substantially symmetrically about through bore 240. Pressure balancing chambers 226A through 226F are in view. The artisan of ordinary skill, however, will readily recognize that sampling tool 200 may include substantially any number of sample tank assemblies 220 disposed in substantially any arrangement about the through bore 240. It will likewise be understood that the sample tank assemblies 220 need not be cylindrical, or even shaped similarly one to another, but may have other shapes or cross sections as desired, provided that separator 222 is sized and shaped to be substantially free floating and to provide a seal between pressure balancing chamber 226 and sample chamber 224. For example, the sampling module may include a single annular sample tank assembly. Alternatively, the sample tank assemblies may be substantially rectangular.